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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING  
A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C., 371

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (IF KNOWN), SEE 37 CFR

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/IL2005/000254

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

March 3, 2005

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

March 4, 2004

TITLE OF INVENTION

SUTURE MANIPULATING AND CUTTING IMPLEMENT

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19<sup>th</sup> month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(3)(2)
  - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(3)(2).
7. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) and Written Opinion (PCT/ISA/237).
8. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
9. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19(35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
10. ☒ An executed oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

## Items 13 to 18 below concern document(s) of information included:

13. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A substitute specification.
17. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
18. ☐ Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail
19. ☐ The sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing
20. ☒ Other items or information: PCT REQUEST; APPLICATION DATA SHEET.
21. ☒ 17 pages of specification (including Abstract page)
22. ☒ 2 sheets of drawings
24. ☒ 19 total pages

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32176**THE FILING FEE HAS BEEN CALCULATED AS SHOWN BELOW:**

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Basic National Stage Fee				\$ 150		\$ 300
National Stage Search Fee				\$ 250		\$ 500
National Stage Examination Fee				\$ 100		\$ 200
National Stage Application Size Fee (Per 50 Pages Over 100)			0 x \$ 125	\$ 0	x \$250	\$
Multiple Dependent Claim			0 x \$ 180	\$0	x \$ 360	\$
Total Claims*	20 - 20=	0	0 x \$ 25	\$ 0	x \$50	\$
Independent Claims*	2 - 3=	0	0 x \$100	\$ 0	x \$200	\$
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NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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